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My residence, post office and citizenship are as stated below next to my name, I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled DATA COLLECTION AND MAINTENANCE DATABASE METHOD AND APPARATUS, the specification of which is attached hereto. was filed on July 29, 2003_ as Application Serial No. _____10/631,042 and was amended on (if applicable). I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above. I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is known to me to be material to patentability in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 1.56. I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, Section 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed: **Prior Foreign Applications(s):** Number Country Day/Month/Year filed **Priority Claimed** I hereby claim the benefit under 35 USC §119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below. **Prior Provisional Application(s): Application Number** Filing Date

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